

# Annual Reports

of the

Town Officers

of

## ROXBURY

NEW HAMPSHIRE

*for the year ending*

JANUARY 31

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## TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator  
EDWIN B. ELLIS

Town Clerk  
**HARVEY M. BAILEY**

Town Treasurer  
HARVEY M. BAILEY

### Selectmen and Assessors

Tax Collector  
ARTHUR BALL

Road Agent  
LEON D. MENTER

Overseer of the Poor  
HARRY J. MENTER

Supervisors of the Check-list  
HERBERT RUSSELL INEZ MENTER  
HAZEL RUSSELL

Auditor  
EDWIN B. ELLIS

### Constables

Sexton  
LEON D. MENTER

Trustees of Trust Funds  
HERBERT J. RUSSELL      LEON D. MENTER

## INEZ MENTER

## THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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### (TOWN WARRANT)

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Roxbury, in the County of Cheshire in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the School House in said Roxbury on Tuesday, the fourteenth day of March, next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.
3. To see if the town will vote to raise \$87.75 for T. R. A. (Town Road Aid).
4. To see if the Town will raise \$200 for the new Town Hall.
5. To see if the Town will vote to raise \$11.00 for the Monadnock Region Association.
6. To see if the Town will vote to turn town Road Funds over to Town Road Agent as the Selectmen have money to do so.
7. To see what sums the Town will vote to raise for Town Officers salaries, and for assessing property, lumber, and real estate.
8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.
9. To see if the Town will vote to raise money for Poor Relief.

10. To choose a Trustee of Trust Funds for three years.
11. To see if the Town will vote to raise \$20.00 for care of Nye Cemetery.
12. To hear reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees and Officers and pass any action thereon.
13. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.
14. To bring in ballots for election of Delegates to National Conventions of various Political Parties, for nomination of Party candidates for President and Vice-President of the United States.

Given under our hands and seal, this twenty-eighth day of February in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and forty-four.

CHARLES A. N. NYE,  
HARRY J. MENTER,  
Selectmen of Roxbury, N. H.

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

CHARLES A. N. NYE,  
HARRY J. MENTER,  
Selectmen of Roxbury, N. H.

## REPORT OF SELECTMEN

1943

County tax,	\$266 47
Town tax,	550 00
Highways,	1,150 00
Snow removal,	500 00
T. R. A.,	87 00
Schools,	2,757 11
Monadnock Region,	11 00
Town poor,	300 00
Maintenance of Branch road,	75 00
Town hall and tool shed,	200 00
Cemeteries,	15 00
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	\$5,911 58
Less revenues,	111 25
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	\$5,800 33
Less poll taxes,	124 00
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	\$5,676 33
Overlay,	15 05
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	\$5,691 38
Plus poll taxes,	124 00
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Total amount committed to collector,	\$5,815 38
Tax rate, \$4.83 for 1943.	
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ESTIMATED	
Interest and dividends,	None
Auto permits,	\$45 00
Railroad tax,	3 42
Savings bank tax.	3 88
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Revenues,	\$52 30

## VALUATION

62 polls,	\$124 00
10 horses,	1,025 00
12 cows,	1,410 00
7 neat stock,	850 00
35 sheep,	280 00
Electric lines,	10,310 00
Lumber,	450 00
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	\$14,449 00
Less polls,	124 00
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	\$14,325 00
Resident.	26,890 00
Non-resident,	76,529 00
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Total valuation,	\$103,509 00
	14,325 00
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Total valuation,	\$117,834 00

## TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES

Edwin Ellis, moderator,	\$10 00
Harvey Bailey, town clerk,	30 00
Harvey Bailey, town treasurer,	30 00
Roger Garfield, selectman,	45 00
Charles A. N. Nye, selectman,	20 00
Harry J. Menter, selectman,	70 00
Waldo Sweeney, selectman,	60 00
Arthur Ball, tax collector,	50 00
Leon Menter, road agent,	20 00
Harry J. Mentor, overseer of poor,	3 00

## Supervisors of Check list:

Herbert Russell,	3 00
Inez Menter, chairman,	6 00
Hazel Russell,	3 00
Edwin Ellis, auditor,	8 00
Leon Menter, constable,	2 00

Roger Garfield, constable,	2 00
Leon Menter, sexton,	4 00
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	\$366 00

## TOWN OFFICERS' EXPENSES

Roger Garfield, state tax meeting,	\$5 00
Arthur Ball, state tax meeting,	5 00
Harry Menter, state tax meeting,	5 00
Waldo Sweeney, state tax meeting,	5 00
G. H. Aldrich & Sons, town bonds,	48 00
Sentinel Printing Co., town reports,	39 00
25 dog tags,	3 66
Sentinel Printing Co., bill heads,	5 12
Chase's Book Store,	25 79
N. H. Tax Association,	2 00
Harry Menter, selectmen's expenses,	9 00
Harvey Bailey, town clerk's expenses,	2 00
Arthur Ball, tax collector's expenses,	3 95
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	\$158 52

## 1943

Total amount of vouchers by selectmen,	\$7,289 47
Internal revenue,	22 60
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	\$7,266 87

## Money received by Town:

Gas tax,	\$666 70
Interest and dividends,	4 50
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	671 20
Town officers' expenses,	158 52
Town officers' salaries,	366 00
Town Hall deed, Russell land,	200 00
Fire Department, costs,	95 00
Town roads,	1,739 26
Town poor, Ellis baby board and care,	33 00

Old age assistance, Fred P. Royce,	41 53
Paid on bank note and interest,	1,522 12

Respectfully submitted,  
CHARLES A. N. NYE,  
HARRY J. MENTER,  
WALDO SWEENEY,  
Selectmen of Roxbury.

## REPORT OF HIGHWAYS

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Bridge paint,	\$25 75
Middle town road,	312 11
Woodward road,	160 50
French road,	128 03
Parker road,	121 20
Dakin road,	151 05
Davis road,	364 41
Bridge plank,	9 12
Tools,	14 82
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	\$1,486 99
Snow and sanding expenses,	\$387 77

LEON D. MENTER,  
Road Agent.

## TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

February 1, 1944

Town warrant,	\$5,815	38
Paid treasurer,	4,764	03
Interest,	1	72
Unpaid taxes,	1,002	54
Abated,	41	32

## UNPAID TAXES

	Property	
	Poll	Tax
Lorenzo Davis,		\$148 76
Clarence Davis,	\$2 00	
Arnold Bailey,	2 00	36 22
Eva Bailey,	2 00	
Floyd Webster,		32 64
William White, Est.,		12 07
Alpheus White,	2 00	
Edwin Ellis,	2 00	36 22
Marion Ellis,	2 00	
Clifton French,	2 00	16 91
Mrs. Clifton,	2 00	
Woodrow French,		6 03
Roger Garfield,	2 00	19 32
Charles A. N. Nye,		48 30
Lyman Warner,	2 00	
Mary Warner,	2 00	
Isoline Foley,	2 00	
Dexter Dawes,		11 00
Miss Emily Dawes,		166 56
Maud Putney,		77 28
Herbert Russell,	2 00	85 01
Hazel Russell,	2 00	
Alvah Sweeney,	2 00	28 98

Josephine Sweeney,	2 00	
Waldo Sweeney,	2 00	28 98
Grace Sweeney,	2 00	
Roland Tarr,	2 00	12 08
Vivian Tarr,	2 00	
F. L. Carey,		62 79
Adelaide Newman,		31 39
Mrs. George Bully,	2 00	

I hereby certify that the above list showing the names and amount due from each delinquent tax payer as of February 1, 1944 on account of the tax levy of 1943 is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

ARTHUR BALL,  
Tax Collector.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

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On hand, February 1, 1943,	\$142 47
Received from Pauline Webster, auto permits,	14 39
Received from Pauline Webster, birth certificate,	50
Received from Harvey M. Bailey, auto permits,	42 08
Received from Harvey M. Bailey, birth certificates,	4 00
Received from Chas. C. Gorst, treas. Congl. church,	68 60
State of N. H., gasoline tax,	666 70
State of N. H., dividend tax,	4 50
Received from Harvey M. Bailey, dog licenses,	39 00
Received from Herbert J. Russell, 1941 taxes,	98 13
Received from Arthur Ball, 1942 taxes,	581 47
Received from Arthur Ball, 1943 taxes,	4,764 03
Received from Cheshire National Bank, temporary loans,	1,500 00
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Total,	\$7,925 87
 Paid Selectmen's orders,	 \$7,266 87
 Balance on hand, February 1, 1944,	 \$659 00

Respectfully submitted,

HARVEY M. BAILEY,  
Town Treasurer.

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

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Received 22 automobile permits,	\$42 08
Received for birth and marriage certificates, certified copies,	4 00

### DOG LICENSE ACCOUNT

12 male dogs at \$2.00,	\$24 00
5 female dogs at \$5.00,	25 00
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	\$49 00
Dog Constable, fees and expense,	10 00
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Paid to town treasurer,	39 00
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Total paid to town treasurer,	\$85 08

Respectfully submitted,

HARVEY M. BAILEY,  
Town Clerk.

Issued by Mrs. Pauline Webster, and paid to Town Treasurer March 9, 1943.

8 automobile permits,	\$14 39
1 birth certificate,	50
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Total,	\$14 89

### SUMMARY OF VITAL STATISTICS

Births,	1
Marriages,	0
Deaths,	2

Respectfully submitted,

HARVEY M. BAILEY,  
Town Clerk.

## SEXTON'S REPORT

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Mowing and cleaning Hillside and Nye cemeteries, \$30 00

LEON D. MENTER,  
Sexton.

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## AUDITOR'S REPORT

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This is to certify that I have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Road Agent, Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, Trustees of Trust Funds and Tax Collector and find them correct and vouchers for all payments.

EDWIN B. ELLIS  
Auditor.  
Town of Roxbury, N. H.

February 20, 1944.

## THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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### (SCHOOL WARRANT)

To the Inhabitants of the School district of Roxbury, qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the School House in said district on the 14th day of March 1944, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agent of the district.
6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.
8. To see if the district will vote to make any alteration in the amount of money required to be assessed for the ensuing year for the support of public schools and the payment of the statutory obligations of the district, as determined by the school board in its annual report.
9. To see if the district will vote to petition the tax commission to have an audit made by municipal accounting division and to make an appropriation to cover the expense of such audit.

10. To receive bids on transportation of school children for the ensuing year.

11. To transact any other business which may come before said meeting.

Given under our hands at said Roxbury this 28th day of February 1944.

INEZ A. MENTER,  
EVA N. BAILEY,  
School Board.

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

INEZ A. MENTER,  
EVA N. BAILEY,  
School Board.

## **SCHOOL BOARD'S ESTIMATE FOR 1944-45**

School Board's statement of amounts required to support public schools and meet other statutory obligations of the district for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1944.

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### **DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES**

#### Elementary Schools

##### Support of schools:

Support of schools,	\$1,300 00
Text books,	150 00
Scholars' supplies,	100 00
Flags and appurtenances,	5 00
Other expenses of instruction,	10 00
Janitor service,	111 00
Fuel,	120 00
Water, light and janitor supplies,	20 00
Minor repairs and expenses,	75 00
Medical inspection,	25 00
Transportation of pupils,	1,080 00
Payment of elementary tuitions,	100 00
Other special activities,	25 00

##### Other statutory requirements:

Salaries of district officers (fixed by district),	57 00
School census (fixed by district),	10 00
High School tuition (estimated by the board),	180 00
Superintendent's excess salary (fixed by supervisory union),	32 56
Per capita tax (report of state treasurer),	70 00

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Total amount required to meet school board's budget, \$3,470 56

## ESTIMATED INCOME OF DISTRICT

State aid,	\$600 00
Dog tax,	60 00
Elementary school tuition,	200 00
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Total estimated income,	\$860 00
Assessment required to balance school board's budget,	\$2,610 56

INEZ A. MENTER,  
EVA N. BAILEY,  
School Board.

## FINANCIAL REPORT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT

For Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 1942  
and Ending June 30, 1943

## RECEIPTS

On hand July 1, 1942,	\$84 43
Local taxation, raised by town,	1,325 00
Keene School District, elementary tuition,	205 00
State aid check,	349 99
Dog license money,	41 00
Deficiency appropriation,	1,050 00
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Total receipts from all sources,	\$3,055 42

## PAYMENTS

Administration :	
Salaries of district officers,	\$57 00
Superintendent's excess salary,	32 56
Expenses of administration,	5 87

## Instruction :

Teacher's salary,	1,086 78
Text books,	24 93
Scholars' supplies,	28 51
Other expenses of instruction,	9 86

Operation and maintenance:	
Janitor service,	111 00
Fuel,	71 75
Water, light and janitor supplies,	1 83
Minor repairs and expenses,	38 89
Special activities:	
Medical inspection,	21 00
Transportation of pupils,	898 00
High school tuition,	270 00
Fixed charges:	
Per capita tax,	30 00
Outlay for construction and equipment:	
Alterations,	59 63
New equipment,	48 64
Other charges:	
Victory taxes,	7 92
Legal advice,	3 00
Total payments for all purposes,	\$2,807 17
Balance on hand	\$248 25

INEZ A. MENTER,  
 EVA N. BAILEY,  
 GRACE E. SWEENEY,  
 School Board.

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#### AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that I have examined the books and other financial records of the School Board of Roxbury, of which this is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1943 and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

EDWIN B. ELLIS,  
 Auditor.

**ANNUAL REPORT OF DISTRICT TREASURER**

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1942

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On hand July 1, 1942,	\$84 43
Appropriation by town,	1,325 00
Keene School District, elementary tuition,	205 00
State aid,	349 99
Dog license money,	41 00
Deficiency appropriation,	1,050 00
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Total receipts,	\$3,055 42
Less school board orders paid,	2,807 17
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Balance,	\$248 25

Respectfully submitted,

LEON D. MENTER,  
School District Treasurer.

## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Board and Citizens of Roxbury:

I herein submit my first annual report as superintendent of schools.

### SUPERVISORY UNION NUMBER 38

The eight school districts which comprise this union are organized as follows:

District	Teachers	Buildings	Pupils	Registers	%Pupil Registration
Marlboro,	14	2	246	8	27.43
Chesterfield,	6	3	143	6	15.94
Fitzwilliam,	7	4	121	7	13.49
Harrisville,	3	2	83	3	9.25
Nelson,	2	2	31	2	3.46
Sullivan,	2	2	44	2	4.90
Roxbury,	1	1	28	1	3.12
Troy,	11	1	201	6	22.41
Totals,	46	17	897	35	100.00%

The present crisis in world affairs has created an emergency in the education of American youth that requires immediate attention and action. Large numbers of pupils and teachers are now leaving school to go to work. The motives which impel youth to leave school for work are understandable. The alarming response to these motives of high wages and the desire to do something definite to help win the war has been made without giving ample thought to other considerations which are of far greater importance to the national welfare. All adults concerned in these matters—particularly employers, school officials, and parents—should make sure that all youths clearly understand certain basic conclusions before making the decision to leave school.

"Twenty-seven million citizens of the decade beginning 1950 are being prepared in our public schools now for the world that is being shaped with so much 'toil and blood and tears'. How futile our every war effort if these citizens are not fitted for their places!"

This great challenge to our educational system must be met in spite of the innumerable demands on limited time, energy, and materials resulting from the war emergency.

## PROMOTIONS

The following numbers of promotions in respective grades were made in June:

Grades	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII
	2	4	3	1	5	3	5	2

These promotions were made on the following points: regularity of attendance, term rank, standard tests and examinations given by the teacher.

Metropolitan Achievement tests were given; one at mid-year and one in June.

## HONOR ROLL

Pupils neither absent nor tardy for entire year

## STATISTICS FOR SCHOOL YEAR 1942-1943

Total length of school year in weeks,	37
Number of pupils registered,	28
Number of half days school was in session,	338
Number of half days school was closed,	32
Average membership,	25.50
Average attendance,	23.12
Percent of attendance for Roxbury,	90.66
Percent of attendance for Supervisory Union,	93.00
Number of tardinesses,	3
Number of pupils not absent nor tardy,	2
Number of visits made by members of school board,	4
Number of visits made by superintendent,	12
Number of visits made by citizens,	30

**ORGANIZATION FOR YEAR 1943-1944**

School	Teacher	Enrollment Sept. 8
Branch	Marion E. Russell	28

In conclusion, I wish to thank the teacher, the parents, and citizens for their cooperation in the support of the school and the war effort, especially during this period when the general functions of education are difficult to maintain.

I wish to express my thanks to the members of the School Board for the assistance given me in my work in your school.

Respectfully submitted,  
JOHN H. FRYE,  
Superintendent of Schools.

Marlborough, N. H., Feb. 15, 1944.



